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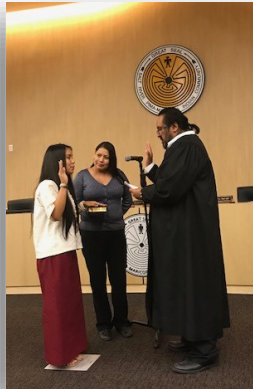
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On January 6th, I was sworn in to the Young River People's Council for the first time. I enjoyed listening to Councilman Dallas and Martha Martinez talk about leadership. All of the speakers helped me realize the important role we are taking being on Youth Council. I have many ideas to contribute and I hope to learn more about my self and my culture this coming year. I'm very proud of the youth that have taken on the executive positions and I will do my best to support them. I was glad to see the support from other Youth Councils. Thank you Judge Andrews for swearing us all in. **-D'Andre Pilger**



O'odham singing and Dancing



Senator Mendez
talking
to Youth



D'Andre on Senate Floor



The YRPC hosted the first Native Youth Legislative Day which took place at the State Capitol on Jan. 3. Six youth council 's participated in the event. I thought the day was pretty fun considering the topics we were learning about, such as how to pass a bill, how to become more involved in protecting the environment, how to tell your story and what is leadership. Some of the workshops were inspiring and very helpful. The food trucks were very delicious. We have many ideas to make next year more successful! Thank you Children's Foundation for helping us make this a successful event!- **Erica Schurz**



Thosh's Activity



Closing New Year Rez-solution Day



Health Fair

On Jan. 13th the YRPC, in collaboration with the Future Inspired Native American Leaders (FINAL) Youth Council, started off the new year with New Year Rez-solution Day for youth. Thosh Collins, Chelsea Lugar and Waylon Pee Pahona spoke about healthy life styles and wellness. During our snack break we had the opportunity to visit the booths at the health fair. To encourage youth to be more active, the afternoon was filled with activities such as toka, shongivul, basketball and double ball. I was glad to see over 100 youth attend. Thank you Children's Foundation for your support! **-Alyssa Andrews**

On Jan. 29th, the Youth Council went to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Election meeting with Community members. We learned what is going on with our constitution. I'm glad we went because now I know how the BIA affects our decisions in Tribal Government. I'm actually concerned about this and want to know more. The meeting was beneficial and I learned a lot from it. **-Nalani Lopez**

Upcoming Events

- ◇ **February 3rd -Hiking Red Mountain with Royce Manuel. Leaving Two Waters at 8am.**
- ◇ **February 6th— Lonely Cactus Committee Meeting at Two Waters 5-6pm**
- ◇ **February 8th- Executive Meeting at Two Waters 5pm**
- ◇ **February 9th— Roundtable with Congressman Ruben Gallego**
- ◇ **February 13th— BYU & ASU Tour Committee Meeting 5-6pm**
- ◇ **February 15th— Youth Council Meeting at Two Waters 5pm**
- ◇ **February 20th— Cactus Ordinance Committee Meeting 5-6pm**
- ◇ **February 22nd— Executive Meeting at Two Waters 5pm**

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